

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The TLC has no remit to respond to questions 1 to 17, as they relate to migratory fish.

Section 4 - SALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Modernising the Operation of District Salmon Fishery Boards

23. Do you agree that we should introduce a specific duty on Boards to act fairly and transparently?

It is felt that from time to time the DSFBS appear to ride rough shod over other organisations, to the detriment of these organisations. DSFBS are not the only ones to have concerns over the habitat of migratory fish. Other various species of fish in our rivers and lochs have to be given equal consideration.

It is felt that to replace Protection Orders and their function would be to the detriment of angling as a whole.

IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION ON FISH AND FISHERIES

32 Do you agree that there should be a legal requirement to provide comprehensive effort data for rod fisheries?

This again is felt not to be within the remit of Liaison Committees.

Question 33, 34, 35 and 36 again have no bearing on the function of Liaison Committees

SECTION 5 MODERNISING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

The TLC feels they have no remit on this subject.

Section 6 – PAYING FOR PROGRESS

46. Do you agree that there should be enabling provision for Scottish Ministers to provide, through secondary legislation, for both direct and more generic charges for services/benefits arising from public sector services and activities?

YES! If this entails the introduction of a ROD LICENSE as in England, as a liaison committee we would not be opposed to it, provided part of the income was shared with liaison committee, who at present are self-funded, and as a result are often lacking in finances to carry out their work to its fullest extent, for the benefit of angling.

24 Do you agree that there should be a Code of Good Practice for wild salmon and freshwater fisheries?

Yes. This would be subject to the scope of the code

25. If yes, should such code of Good Practice be statutory or non-statutory?

The Code of Good Practice appears to be of benefit if it was used widely enough and not confined to certain species

Statutory Carcase Tagging

26 Do you agree that Scottish Ministers should have powers to introduce a statutory system of carcase tagging for wild Atlantic salmon and sea trout?

No applicable to Liaison Committees.

Fish Sampling

27. Do you agree that Scottish Ministers should have powers to take or require fish and/or samples for genetic or other analysis?

Yes. With the proviso that it is not done to the detriment of other species then present in the river or loch and may be killed as a result.

Management and Salmon Conservation Measures.

Not applicable to liaison committees.

Dispute Resolution

31. Do you agree that we should introduce statutory provision related to mediation and dispute resolution, to help resolve disputes around salmon conservation, management and any related compensation measures?

Yes. If it includes freshwater fish and is not confined to migratory fish.

Questions 47 and 48 have already been answered with a yes.